Lesson IX. Read Luke 15:1-10.

The Christ help us God enabling us to walk the path of duty over us, to destroy the bread which has passed remove the diseased vessels dreadful from [illegible]

Christ said, When is [illegible] ought to be doing more than others? He was coming evil.

Is.55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thots: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, and he will abundantly pardon.

Intro. The ppoblem of evil, as to origin.

The Tea-Pot Dome scandal has caused me to consider anew the problem of evil in the world. When a boy I ~~wondered~~ thot about it not a little.

The Bible story of its origin never satisfied my mind. It is interesting and picturesque, making a very unique comparison- just as the snake came into the garden and dorrupted Eve and Adam, so evil has come into the world and corrupted mankind. But where did the snake get its evil?

I have learned since that there is no theory as to the origin of evil that really explains it. It is useless to waste our enery and time in the consideration of it.

But all attempted explanations of sin ~~stand~~ give testimony as to the fact of sin.

There are just two things about it that are absolutely certain:

1. Sin is here; evil is present. It is a fact.
2. It has got to be destroyed before our dreams of a heaven on earth, of a ~~true and~~ perfect democracy, come true.

A true democracy cannot be founded on human nature as it is.

Howling discontentedly against a rotten present because of a rotten past is not an intelligent way to construct a decent future.

So long as selfishness, greed, lust and laziness persist in human nature so long will every attemptto make our democracy safe be shattered to pieces on the rocks of practical politics.

The whole history of man writes in big letters of flame and blood that you cannot build the New Jerusalem out of sinners unredeemed. Man can only advance towards the real safe Democracy as man advances in his conquest of evil and his victory over himself.

Just as William Jennings Bryan is certain that he is no monkey, so am I certain that I am not a monkey; but my study of my own nature and of human nature in general leads me to see

that there is a monkey in me, and also a tiger and a snake and all the other animals of the menagerie, and it is the animal in me that has to be killed before I can become a man.

Lust in a monkey is a perfectly natural thing, and goes forward in a decent way to propogate its own species. But lust in me is an unclean and an unnatural thing which fills the world with rotten diseases and creates a host of syphilitic slaves.

"Anger, which in a noble beast is just the instinct of self-preservation, becomes in me a scheming envious, jealous frame of mind which uses all my higher powers to work ill against my fellow.

A monkey with a monkey's brain is but one of our family of animals: but a monkey with a man's brain is the devil himself. And the bigger the brain the bigger the devil.

However strongly sin is imbedded in human nature it is not natural to man. It is the verimmform appendix of human nature and needs to be cut out.

You cannot make a Np.1 Democracy out of a population full of sin, out of a citizenship whose human nature is predominantly beastial.

Man as he is, with the beast ruling within him, cannot make a world fit for real men to live in, a world of brotherhood, a world sake for democracy.

Man must be changed before the world can be changed.

But right here is where so many Xns miss the force of the Gospel. They believe that as human nature has always been evil it must necessarily remain so.

Xns not scientifically informed who take their Bible literally- Man fell, the world is hopelessly evil, we must live apart from it and prepare to live in a better wdrldto come.

Xns scientifically informed- we have inherited these tendencies from the animal ages and therefore they are a part of our natural make-up and must be alright. Heredity and environment make the man what he is.

But Jesus Christ came to earth to overcome the world and expects us to do the same. He gives us the power

to.do it. Read text:

The Christ grip on God enables us to break the power of sin over us, to destrgy the beast within us, to remove the diseased veriform appendix from human nature.

Christ said, "Whar do ye more than others? We Xns ought to be doing more than others in the way of over-coming evil.

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Easter season a new demon-
stration of the power of God's
spiritu salvation – cleansing
from all evil – thru X.